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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, {
Richmond, January 11, 1862. }

To the President of the Congress :

SIR : I herewith transmit to the Congress a communication from the Secretary of War, recommending a certain appropriation therein mentioned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
WAR DEPARTMENT, }
RICHMOND, January 10th, 1862. }

SIR: During the past summer Major General Polk found it necessary on some emergencies to borrow money temporarily from the banks in Tennessee, amounting in all to three hundred and ninety thousand dollars. These sums advanced to quartermasters have been repaid out of the regular appropriations. But General Polk agreed to pay interest, and as this was without authority of law, I have of course been without power to make the payment. The total amount borrowed is shown by enclosed statement A, and the interest due is shewn by statement B, and amounts to \$6,466 43.

As this money was advanced for the purpose of public defence at a time when mechanical embarrassments in the engraving and preparation of Treasury Notes prevented the prompt supply of funds necessary for support of the army, I beg respectfully that you transmit to Congress this recommendation for an appropriation of six thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars forty-three cents, to be applied to the payment of said interest.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,

Secretary of War.

TO THE PRESIDENT.

(A.)

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
Richmond, Va., January 10th, 1862. }

STATEMENT of the amount remitted to General Polk
to pay the Banks for liabilities contracted by him, the
funds for which were advanced by the following Banks,
viz :

	BONDS.	TREAS'Y NOTES.
Bank of West Tennessee.....	\$10,000 00	\$165,000 00
Branch of the Union Bank....	20,000 00	55,000 00
Branch of the Planters' Bank..		45,000 00
Bank of Memphis.....		50,000 00
Branch Bank of Tennessee....		45,010 00
	\$30,000 00	\$360,010 00
		\$30,000 00
Total amount,.....		\$390,010 00

(B.)

STATEMENT of Interest due the Banks at Memphis,
Tennessee, by Major General Leonidas Polk :

Bank of West Tennessee, as per statement....	\$2,760 94
Bank of Memphis, "	1,050 00
Branch Union Bank, "	1,300 66
Branch State Bank, "	664 00
Planters' Bank, "	690 83
	\$6,466 43

The above account is approved, and I recommend its payment.

L. POLK,
Major General Commanding.

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